

# Green New Deal Oversight Board

August 18, 2025  
Public Meeting

8/18/2025

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# Board Member Introductions (30-60s)

**New Board Members:** Name, Pronouns, seat you hold, and a brief overview of your experience working in environmental justice.

**Returning Board members:** Name, Pronouns, seat you hold, what other orgs/spaces you occupy



# Staff Updates



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# Indigenous Led Climate Initiatives Fund



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# Purpose & Vision for the Fund

- **Purpose/Goal:** The Native and Tribal Led Climate Initiative seeks to advance the City of Seattle and Seattle Foundation's priorities to invest in Native American and Tribal climate leadership and resource traditional and cultural knowledge. We also strive to build partnerships with Native leaders to deploy climate strategies that are unique to the needs of Native American communities and fulfill the City's cultural and resource preservation commitments.
- **Vision:** Seattle Foundation and The City of Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment envision a community focused process that includes the voices of Tribes and Native leaders who live and work across the city. We hope to support existing projects, technical assistance, and a variety of climate strategies that center native communities and leadership.



# **We are prioritizing projects that build on existing work and include, but are not limited to, the following priorities:**

**Please send your recommendations for possible projects by 8/22**

- Investing in Tribal and Native American climate leadership
- Resourcing traditional and cultural knowledge
- Deploying climate strategies unique to the needs of Indigenous communities
- Centering strategies that mitigate environmental injustices
- Supporting the low-carbon economy for Native peoples
- Centering resilience, safety and community wellbeing
- Creating infrastructure or strategies that reduce, mitigate, or eliminate environmental health inequities in Native communities



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# Funding Process and Eligible Entities

- Open to Tribal governments, non-profits, and fiscally sponsored groups
- Invitation to apply
- Grants range from \$500K to \$1 million over two years.



# Timeline

## July 2025

- Sent Tribal engagement memo
- Incorporated feedback from IAC and GNDOB to finalize funding process

## August 2025

- Update IAC and GNDOB
- **Project list ideas due August 22**
- **Grant Review Committee member recommendations due August 22**

## September 2025

- Stand up Grant Review Committee
- Open application (late Sept.)

## Oct-Dec 2026

- Application closes
- Select grantees

## Winter 2026

- Announce awards
- Update the IAC & GNDOB once awards go out
- Provide technical assistance to partners, as needed to support with implementation



# Selection Committee –

**Please send your recommendations for possible Committee participants by 8/22**

## Selection Committee Commitments:

- Time commitment of 3-5 hours in total
- Review applications
- Participate in a selection meeting



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# Clean Heat's PSE Grant Application Update



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# Onboarding Process Overview



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# Board Buddies

- Pairs returning board members with new members to help foster a sense of community and provide the new members an opportunity to learn from their peers
- Set up 1:1 initial meeting then meet on a regular basis that makes sense for both parties

**Meet at least once prior to October 20th**



# Youth Climate Assemblies



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**We will  
return  
from our  
break at  
6:13**

# Executive Committee Updates



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# Upcoming Executive Committee Elections



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# **Rapid Response Pathway for Support Requests**



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# Process

- GNDOB Agenda: 3-4 policies/topics
- If request aligns with agenda topics, then:
  - **Step 1** Request details will be shared with full Board via email, 24-48hrs to response and note any issues or red flags with request
  - **Step 2** connect with the person(s) on the Board who would be subject matter experts
  - **Step 3** If no issues are flagged then the Executive Committee will sign off in support of the letter or statement

# Seattle City Budget Process: Overview

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Seattle City Budget Office  
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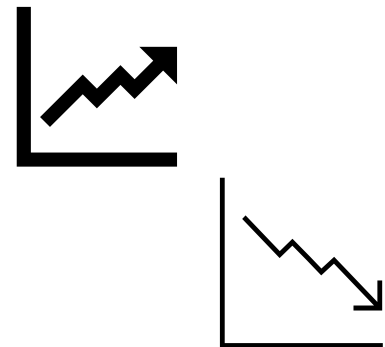
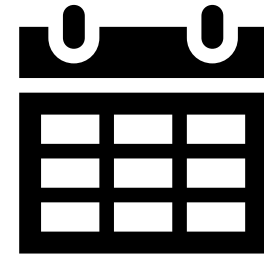
# Agenda

Budget Overview

Budget Process

# City Budget Basics

- Mayor proposes an annual budget, Council amends and passes
- Budget governs appropriation levels for all City spending
- Available City resources are based on economic forecasts
  - Projected City revenue dictates the amount that can be budgeted
  - City is legally required to balance budget.



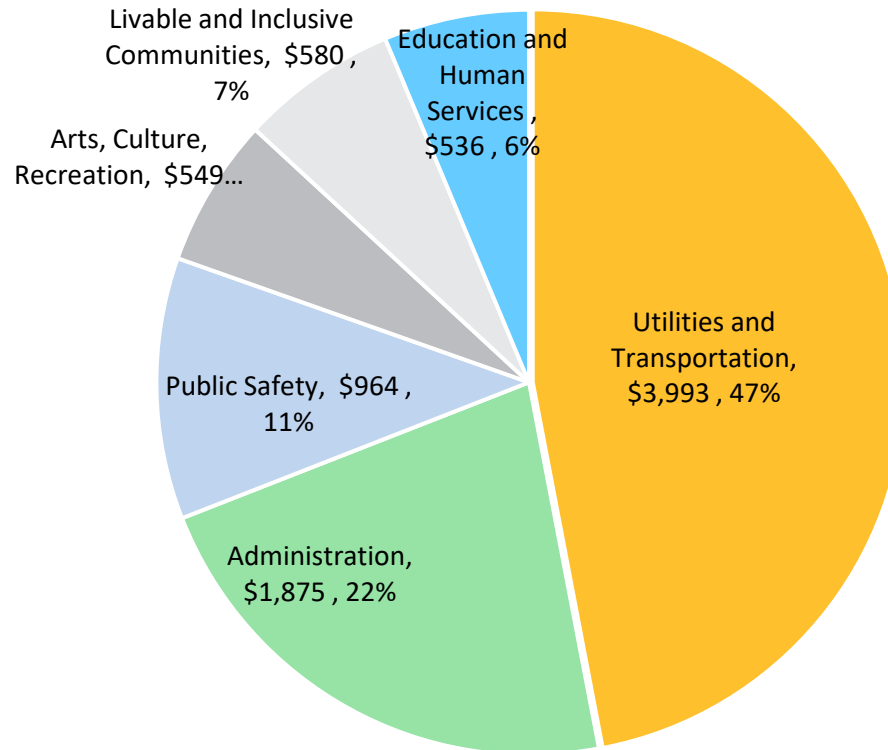
# Typical Budget Process Timeline



- The Proposed Budget is developed by the City Budget Office and the Mayor's Office between June and September, based on economic and revenue forecasts, department-proposed changes, and mayoral priorities.

# Expenditures

2025 Adopted Budget: \$8.5 Billion Total Funds by Program Area



# PET Breakdown

Payroll Expense Tax	2025 Adopted	2026 Endorsed
TOTAL	\$ 542 mil	\$ 504 mil
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 305 mil	\$ 265 mil
Youth Mental Health and Violence Prevention	\$19 mil	\$15 mil
Jumpstart Priorities	\$ 217 mil	\$ 224 mil
<b><i>Green New Deal</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 18.5 mil</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 19.3 mil</i></b>

# Revenue Update

- Major revenue sources for the General Fund include Property Tax, Sales and Use Tax, and taxes on the Utilities.
- The August 2025 revenue forecast revises projections for GF and PET:

Aug Forecast (\$ mil)	Scenario	2025	2026
General Fund	Baseline	\$1,625.60	\$1,661.00
	<i>Change from Apr Forecast</i>	-\$5.10	\$33.40
	Pessimistic	\$1,617.40	\$1,622.60
	<i>Change from Apr Forecast</i>	\$21.00	-\$4.80
Payroll Expense Tax	Baseline	\$382.90	\$388.00
	<i>Change from Apr Forecast</i>	\$23.70	\$8.00
	Pessimistic	\$367.00	\$333.30
	<i>Change from Apr Forecast</i>	\$7.90	-\$46.70

- Next forecast in November, during Council phase.

# Revenue Update

- For more on Revenue Forecast see:
  - [Seattle Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasting](#)
    - Link to [August 8 Economic and Revenue Update](#)
    - Video: [Economic and Revenue Forecast Council meeting of 8/4/25 | seattlechannel.org](#)

# Questions?

